

October 24, 2005

RE: Rural Medical Access Program: July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 year
RESPONSE REQUIRED

Dear Physician,

The Rural Medical Access Program (“RMAP”) was created to promote prenatal services in underserved areas of the state. 24-A M.R.S.A. § 6302 states that every insured and self-insured physician, hospital, and physician’s employer is required to support the RMAP.

You have not been reported by your insurance company as being in compliance with the RMAP. Therefore, we assume that you were either self-insured, insured through an unauthorized insurer, or insured through a risk retention group and are therefore considered self-insured under this statute in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. As such, you are required by state law to pay a yearly assessment (in an amount determined by the state) to the RMAP fund. Those physicians or hospitals insured by an authorized insurer pay the yearly assessment as part of their billed premium.

This is your notification to make your payment for the July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 policy year. Enclosed is an assessment form to help you do so. Please complete the assessment form and remit any assessment by December 24, 2005. **Even if you are not required to pay an assessment fee, the assessment form must still be completed and submitted in order to comply with the RMAP.**

Instructions for the Calculation of Assessment Due:

- 1) Locate your appropriate specialty area on the attached Class Group table. The number in parentheses following your specialty is your class code. Please enter this number on your assessment form. For example, if you are a plastic surgeon, locate that designation on the table and note the corresponding class code - 80156.
- 2) The heading under which your specialty is listed is your class group. Please note this on the assessment form. For a plastic surgeon, the class group is 5.
- 3) Using the attached “Determining Assessments” table, locate your Class Group on this table. The assessment that you owe is located directly under your Class Group and is further determined by the number of years you have held your Maine physician’s license. For a plastic surgeon who has practiced 5 or more years, the assessment amount would be \$276.00.

Please complete the enclosed assessment form and remit payment (make check payable to Rural Medical Access Program) to:

Medical Mutual Insurance Company
RMAP Assessment
One City Center
P.O. Box 15275
Portland, ME 04112-5275

The assessment form must be completed and payment (if required) must be received by December 24, 2005. Failure to do so may result in civil action and fines up to \$2,000 per Title 24-A, M.R.S.A. § 6304(2). The assessment fee is required to be paid unless you did not practice in the State of Maine during the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

If you have questions, please contact Lauri Cooper at (207)-624-8464 or preferably at laurelyn.s.cooper@maine.gov. We appreciate your assistance in helping to administer this vital program that promotes necessary prenatal services in underserved areas of the state.

Sincerely,

Alessandro A. Iuppa
Superintendent

Enclosures